

Attorney Docket No. SIC-03-044

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

KAZUHIRO TAKEDA et al.

Application No.: 10/708,169

Filed: February 12, 2004

For: BICYCLE SHIFT CONTROL  
APPARATUS THAT PREVENTS  
UNDESIRABLE CHAIN ANGLES

Examiner: Marcus Charles

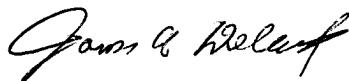
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REQUEST FOR STATUS OF  
APPLICATIONCommissioner for Patents  
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Commissioner:

The applicant respectfully requests to learn the status of the above-captioned application. The application was filed on February 12, 2004 and no office action has been received to date.

Respectfully submitted,

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